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AMES by the grace of God King of England, Scotland,
France and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c. To all and singular Arch-
bishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deanes and their Officials, Parsons, Vicars,
Curats, and to all Spiritual Parsons, And also to all Justices of Peace, Ma-
jors, Sherrifffes, Bailliffes, Constables, Churchwardens, and Headboroughes,
And to all other our Officers, Ministers and Subjects whatsoeuer, as well
within Liberties as without, to whom these presents shall come, greeting.

Wee haue vnderstood by a License granted by our brother the French
King, to Master John Triphon the bearer hereof being a Grecian borne, of a
Noble house, That for Religion hee, his Mother and Sisters, haue bene be-
nished and driven out of their Countrey by the Great Turke, and that his
Mother and Sisters are fled to the Island of Crete, Whereby both himselfe,
and they, are fallen into great want and misery, remaining thus exiled from their Countrey, and are likely
to fall into greater distresse, except they be reliued by the charitable Devotion of well disposed Christians
towards their maintenance, and the payment of a great Rantome layed vpon them. Nowe for that there
is nothing more acceptable to Almighty God then the charitatible conuicting of distressed Christians, fallen
into such calamities, especially for their profession of Christianitie. Wee tendering the poore and lamen-
table Estate of the said John Triphon, his Mother and Sisters, of our especiall Grace and Princeely compas-
sion, haue giuen and granted. And by these our Letters Patents doe give and grant vnto the said Master
John Triphon or his Deputie the bearer hereof, full power, license and authortie to aske, gather, receive
and take the Almes, and charitable devotion of all our loving Subjects, inhabiting within our Counties
of Middlesex, with our Cities of London and Westminster, with the Suburbs thereof, Kent, Essex, Hart-
ford, Surrey, Sussex, Buckingham Barke, Cambridge, with the Universitie there, Suffolke and Norf-
folke, with the City of Norwich, and in all Cities, Townes corporate, pruisedged places, Parishes, Vil-
lages, and all other places whatsoeuer, within any of our said Counties and Cities, and not elsewhere,
for, and towards the maintenance of himselfe, his Mother and Sisters, and the payment of their said Ran-
some. Wherefore we will and command you, and every of you, that at such time and times as the said
Master John Triphon or his Deputie the bearer hereof, shall come and repaire to your Churches or other
places to aske, gather, receive and take the gratuities and charitable Devotion of our said Subjects,
quietly to permit and suffer him and his Deputie so to doe, without any maner your let or contradiction:
And you the said Parsons, Vicars and Curats, for the better stirring vp of a charitable deuotion, delibe-
rately to publish and declare the Tenor of these our Letters Patents vnto our said Subjects, exhorting
and charitably perswading them to extend their liberall Contributions in so good and charitable a deed.
The late Statute made in the fiftie and thirtieth yeere of the Raigne of our late deare Sister Queen Elizabeth
for the punishment of Wagabonds and Rogues, or any other Statute, Law, Ordinance, or prouision
heretofore made to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In witnessse whereof wee haue caused
these our Letters to be made Patents for the space of one whole yeere next after the date hereof to endure.

Witnessse our selfe at Westminster the sixe and twentith day of December, in the first yeere of our Raigne
of England, France and Ireland, and of Scotland the seuen and thirtieth.

God sau the King.

